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Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages Shelly Glover speaks to media Tuesday as Manitoba Floodway Authority CEO Ernie Gilroy listens at a joint federal and provincial press conference held Tuesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Manitoba to get a boost in flood funding

\$42 million. Federal, provincial governments promise more money to beef up protection

The Manitoba and federal governments promised \$42 million Tuesday to beef up flood-protection measures.

Most of the money comes from savings in the recently completed expansion of the Red River Floodway — the massive ditch that diverts water around Winnipeg — which ended up \$38 million under budget at \$627 million.

"This \$38 million in savings will allow other communities, families and business to be protected all around Manitoba," Premier Greg Selinger said.

Some \$27 million is to go to Brandon, where hundreds of homes were evacuated in the spring of 2011. Most of the

money will be used for work already underway, such as a key dike along 18th Street, Brandon Mayor Shari Decter Hirst said.

The remaining \$15 million is to be used to convert temporary protection measures into permanent ones in seven communities, including St. Clements, Souris and Melita.

Manitoba has worked to beef up its complex system of ditches, dikes and outlets since the so-called flood of the century in 1997.

The province sees some flooding almost every year as meltwater arrives from as far away as the Rockies. Most often, farmland and rural highways are affected. In bad years, some towns have to close off roads to the outside world until the water recedes.

The outlook this year is fairly positive, although government officials warn much depends on the weather in April and May. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Bring Your Own Cup Day

Slurpee Canada asks 'Peggys to get weird

Winnipeg 7-Eleven stores are celebrating the first day of spring by giving customers the chance to fill up pretty well any vessel of their choosing with Slurpee. Slurpee Canada's first-ever Bring Your Own Cup Day runs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, and as long as the containers are water tight, clean, hygienic, and less than 26 centimetres in diameter, 7-Eleven will let you fill up for \$1.49. **METRO**

St. Vital

Cops search for break-in suspect

Police are looking for a suspect after a St. Vital business was broken into early Tuesday. Cops were called after a witness saw a man breaking into the business in a strip mall on St. Mary's Road around 1:15 a.m. The suspect is five-foot-six or eight, with a slim build. He was wearing a hoodie, dark pants and a dark toque. **METRO**

Portage Avenue

Cashier leads cops to counterfeiter

A Winnipeg man is facing counterfeiting charges after an eagle-eyed clerk noticed something funny about the money a customer tried to pass off as the real thing last week.

A 28-year-old Winnipeg man is facing numerous charges including possession of counterfeit instruments and making counterfeit money. **METRO**

Frozen pipes. Winnipeg's 'at risk' list goes digital

Winnipeggers can now check online to find out whether their homes are at risk of joining the growing list of those without running water due to frozen pipes.

The city's electronic Citizens' Information Service now includes a self-serve search capability for Winnipeggers to type in their address and instantly see if their pipes have been deemed to be at risk of freezing.

Those on the list are recommended to run their water to prevent the freeze up.

The city also opened a

Online

The city's electronic Citizen's Information Service can be found at winnipeg.ca.

second Frozen Pipe Resource Centre Tuesday to give Winnipeggers living without running water due to frozen pipes a place to shower, pick up and refill containers of water, and speak to 311 service representatives in person. **METRO**

50 jobs lost. Sobeys closing Winnipeg plant

Union officials say 50 Sobeys employees in Winnipeg are being laid off as the supermarket chain consolidates its cheese and ice cream operations.

Unifor Local 468 says company officials told employees Monday that its Lucerne Foods plant in Winnipeg, which Sobeys acquired when it bought Canada Safeway for \$5.8 billion last year, will close Aug. 29.

The union said Sobeys had said when it bought the Safeway operations that it would retain Safeway workers. Mark Armstrong, president of Local 468, said employees were

For sale

Last month, the company signed deals to sell 29 stores in Western Canada for a total of roughly \$430 million.

"shocked because this came out of the blue and contradicts earlier Sobeys statements about job security." The grocery store chain sold 23 stores as part of an agreement with the Competition Bureau in connection with its purchase of Canada Safeway. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

FTE report says city has 10,059 employees...sort of

Full-time equivalent. Coun. to bring concerns over 'contradictory' information to Executive Policy Committee

A report meant to clarify how many staff the city has on payroll is instead raising more questions.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck, who has been pushing the city's administration for more than a year to state the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, said the report to be delivered at Wednesday's executive

policy committee meeting is confusing.

"I got a headache reading this," Havixbeck, who holds an MBA, said Tuesday. "In most organizations, FTEs are what you count, and I found a lot of contradictory information."

Havixbeck believes knowing the number of FTEs is essential for creating city budgets because the largest driver of costs for any municipality is salaries.

The report, which going forward will be delivered quarterly, states that in 2013 the city had an "actual FTE" number of 8,804.92 and 10,059 employees.

It also recommends that the director of corporate support services retain the ability to approve temporary positions "provided funds are available in a department's operating and capital budgets and will not cause an overall departmental budget over expenditure."



Coun. Paula Havixbeck said the city's report on full-time equivalent positions raises more questions than it answers. **BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO**

"My issue with this, and I raised it when we were debating the 2013 budget, I asked for this back then because I wanted clarification on whether we were hiring more people in a year," she said. "I got emails from the CFO (city's chief financial officer Mike Ruta) saying

about 320 more people were supposed to be hired, so this does nothing to tell me whether those people were actually hired, whether we're achieving true vacancy management and whether we're going up or down with our salary costs."

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Acts of bravery awarded at the White House

U.S. President Barack Obama awards Army Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris the Medal of Honor during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Tuesday. Following a congressionally mandated review to ensure that recipients of the country's highest recognition for valour were not bypassed due to prejudice, Obama awarded the medals to 24 ethnic or minority U.S. soldiers — Hispanics, Jews and African-Americans — who performed acts of bravery under fire in three of the nation's wars. **MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sentencing hearing

Lawyers aim to downplay charges in U.S. Army general's sex case

Lawyers for U.S. Army general Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair, who faced sexual-assault charges, will aim to downplay the seriousness of the charges to which he pleaded guilty and seek a lenient sentence as the highly scrutinized case nears its conclusion.

Sinclair, 51, had been accused of twice forcing a female captain under his command to perform oral sex during a three-year extramarital affair.

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Suffering defeat

Challenge of N.J.'s wiretapping law rejected

A Florida man whose "too fat to kill" defence failed at his 2009 murder trial suffered another defeat Tuesday when New Jersey's Supreme Court rejected his challenge to the state's wiretapping law.

Edward Ates claimed in his appeal that authorities in New Jersey should have been required to obtain warrants authorizing wiretaps on phones used by him, his mother and sister, all of whom lived in either Louisiana or Florida.

A wiretapped conversation between Ates and his sister in Louisiana was a

key piece of evidence in Ates's trial.

In the call made after Paul Duncsak's murder in New Jersey, Ates repeatedly went over the timing of his return. His sister later testified that she misled police about the day Ates arrived in Louisiana because her brother had asked her to lie.

While a warrant was required to search Ates's residence in Fort Pierce, Fla., the phone conversation with his sister was recorded without the need of a warrant. Under New Jersey's wiretap law, local authorities are allowed to intercept calls between callers in other states if the "listening post" — the location where the calls were intercepted — was in New Jersey. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Former Pope Benedict critiqued Francis's interview

Pope to former Pope.

Francis had solicited Benedict's input on the interview looking at 'small-minded' rules

The man who serves two popes has revealed that retired Pope Benedict XVI wrote four pages of critique and commentary on Pope Francis's landmark interview in which he blasted the church's obsession with "small-minded" rules.

Monsignor Georg Gaenswein, Benedict's personal secretary and head of Francis's papal household, told German broadcaster ZDF that Francis had solicited Benedict's input on the interview, which was published in September in 16 Jesuit journals around the globe and helped define Francis's agenda.

The Jesuit priest who conducted the interview, the Rev. Antonio Spadaro, said Tuesday that he gave the first printed copy of the interview to Francis on the day it was published. Francis gave that version to Benedict to critique, Spadaro told The Associated Press.

Gaenswein told ZDF that Francis had given him a first copy of the interview to forward on to Benedict, and received a four-page letter from the retired pope three days later.

"He did his homework



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, left, welcomes Pope Francis at the Vatican on Dec. 23, 2013. **HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE**

— he read it and, in accordance with his successor's request, he did indeed offer some thoughts and some remarks on certain comments or certain questions on which he thought something additional could perhaps be said in another place," Gaenswein

recalled.

"Of course I won't say what, but that was interesting," Gaenswein said.

Francis has increasingly coaxed Benedict out of his secluded retirement to participate more in the public life of the church. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Asking for advice

- Pope Francis has said he relies on his predecessor's sage advice.
- Though Benedict's comments had no impact on the published article, the revelation is further evidence of the remarkable

and unprecedented collaboration between the two popes, who stay in touch by phone, in person and by sending notes back and forth across the Vatican gardens via Monsignor Georg Gaenswein.

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Thai military reports 10-day-old radar blips that could be missing plane

MH370. Thai air force didn't pay attention to the signal at first and said Malaysia's initial request for info wasn't specific enough

Investigators trying to solve the mystery of a missing Malaysian jetliner received some belated help Tuesday from Thailand, whose military said it took 10 days to report radar blips that might have been the plane "because we did not pay attention to it."

A coalition of 26 countries, including Thailand, is looking for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which vanished March 8 with 239 people aboard on a night flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Search crews are scouring two giant arcs of territory amounting to the size of Australia — half of it in the



A young Malaysian boy prays for the missing plane at an event at a Malaysian shopping mall on Tuesday. JOSHUA PAUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

remote seas of the southern Indian Ocean.

Malaysian officials said early in the search that they suspected the plane backtracked and flew toward the Strait of Malacca, just west of Malaysia. But it took a week for them to con-

firm Malaysian military radar data that suggested that route. On Tuesday, Thai military officials said their own radar showed an unidentified plane, possibly Flight 370, flying toward the strait beginning minutes after the Malaysian jet's

transponder signal was lost.

Air force spokesman Air Vice Marshal Montol Sukhookorn said the Thai military doesn't know whether the plane it detected was Flight 370.

Thailand's failure to quick-

ly share possible information about the plane may not substantially change what Malaysian officials now know, but it raises questions about the degree to which some countries are sharing their defence data.

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Mystery

But how do you lose an airplane?

Flight 370 must be somewhere. But the same can be said for Amelia Earhart's plane. So what if the airplane is never found?

While rare nowadays, history is not short of such mysteries — from the most famous of all, American aviator Earhart, to planes and ships disappearing in the so-called Bermuda Triangle.

"When something like this happens that confounds us, we're offended by it, and we're scared by it," said Ric Gillespie, a former U.S. aviation accident investigator.

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Egypt. Leader says he'll 'spare no effort' to resolve jailed journalist's case

In a rare gesture, Egypt's interim president has written to the family of an Australian journalist who is being tried on terrorism charges alongside an Egyptian-Canadian and other employees of satellite broadcaster Al-Jazeera.

Adly Mansour has told Peter Grete's family that he will push to expedite the case against the Australian reporter.

"I would like to assure you in my capacity as president of Egypt, that I will spare no effort to work towards the speedy

resolution of the case, in a fashion consistent with the law and that guarantees the reunion of the family in the near future," Mansour wrote in the letter, seen by The Associated Press on Tuesday. It's unclear if the letter directly mentions Egyptian-Canadian Mohamed Fahmy or Egyptian Baher Mohamed, who were arrested along with Grete on Dec. 29 in Cairo.

The three journalists are accused of endangering national security and aiding a terrorist organization along

with 17 others.

Authorities accuse Al-Jazeera of being a platform for ousted Islamist president Mohammed Morsi's supporters and his Muslim Brotherhood group. The network denies that and says the journalists were just doing their jobs. Grete, Fahmy and Mohamed pleaded not guilty to their charges.

Their trial marks the first time Egypt has prosecuted journalists on terrorism-related charges.

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Vladimir Putin welcomes Crimea back into the fold

Annexation. Russian president dismisses criticism, blasting the West as hypocrites and Ukraine as run by radical nationalists

With a sweep of his pen, President Vladimir Putin added Crimea to the map of Russia on Tuesday, describing the move as correcting a past injustice and responding to what he called Western encroachment upon Russia's vital interests.

While his actions were met with cheers in Crimea and Russia, Ukraine's new government called Putin a threat to the whole world and U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden warned that the U.S. and Europe will impose further sanctions against Moscow.

"The world has seen through Russia's actions and has rejected the flawed logic," Biden said as he met with European leaders in Poland.

In an emotional 40-minute speech televised live from the Kremlin, Putin said he was merely restoring order to history by incorporating Crimea.

"In people's hearts and minds, Crimea has always been an integral part of Russia," he declared, dismissing Western criticism of Sunday's



Thousands of pro-Russian people watch a live broadcast of Russian President Vladimir Putin's speech on Crimea in Sevastopol, Crimea, Tuesday. Fiercely defending Russia's move to annex Crimea, Putin said Russia had to respond to what he described as a plot by the West to take Ukraine into its influence. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I have heard residents of Crimea say that back in 1991 they were handed over like a sack of potatoes."

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who declared that the collapse of the Soviet Union made Russians "the largest divided people in the world."

Crimean referendum as a double standards. Often interrupted by ap-

plause, Putin said the rights of ethnic Russians in Ukraine had been abused by the new Ukrainian government and insisted that Crimea's vote to join Russia was in line with international law and reflected its right for self-determination.

Putin said his actions followed what he described as

Western arrogance, hypocrisy and pressure, and warned that the West must drop its stubborn refusal to take Russian concerns into account.

"If you push a spring too hard at some point it will spring back," he said, addressing the West. "You always need to remember this."

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The view from home

Canadian sanctions won't isolate Russia, says ambassador

Russia's ambassador to Canada says sanctions from the West over Ukraine won't isolate his country, and expelling it from the G8 would only hurt stability around the world.

Energy-thirsty Asian countries such as China are waiting in the wings if Europe and North America decide they won't want Russia's resources, Georgiy Mamedov said Tuesday.

"Look at the map," he said. "Half of Russia is in Asia. So even if — and I don't think that western countries are, you know, adventurous or crazy enough to shoot themselves in the leg and to undercut mutually beneficial energy and other relationship with Russia — but even if they did, the longest border in the world that we have is with China, not with Belgium and not with Canada, unfortunately."

Canada joined other countries in imposing sanctions on Russia as a result of Sunday's vote in Crimea, but Mamedov shrugged off the sanctions. "I've been around and you can't isolate Russia," he said.

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'Fireball' sighting creates buzz in N.S.

'It's not Star Trek.'
Science expert says bright light falling out of the sky was a bolide

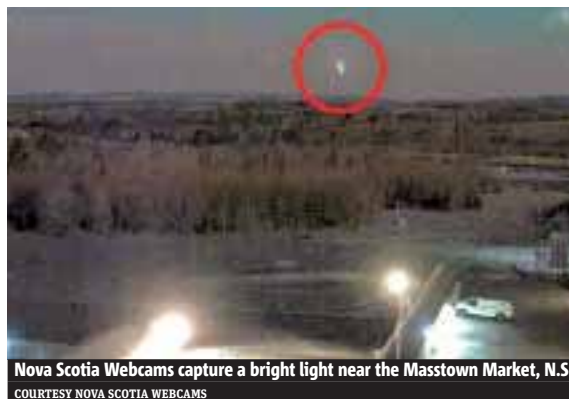


HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

A large flash that appeared in the sky early Tuesday morning had dozens of Nova Scotians talking, but a local science guru said the cause is "not so mysterious."

According to meteorologist Richard Zurawski, the fireball seen streaking out of the sky was a bolide — a piece of rock or metal falling from space that glows when it burns up in the atmosphere, and its kinetic energy is transferred to heat and light.

"It's a pretty typical thing. Seeing it over the Maritimes is a little unusual, but this



Nova Scotia Webcams capture a bright light near the Masstown Market, N.S.
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happens thousand of times probably every 24 hours," he said, adding they can last up to five or six seconds with a long, bright tail depending on how big the chunk of space debris was.

"It goes from 20 to 40 kilometres a second," Zurawski said, and are usually the size of a human head or larger.

Some people have found pieces of bolides that reach the ground, which are then known as meteorites, he said.

Although many of these fall to earth every day, Zurawski said it's unusual for people to spot one because there's so much unpopulated space in the Arctic tundra, ocean or desert where they could land.

Nova Scotia. Stranger hands out \$50 bills

June Bond said she was "still shaking" Tuesday afternoon as she talked about a mysterious stranger walking up to her Dartmouth, N.S., home and handing over two \$50 bills. Bond and Bill MacNamara were having a cigarette on their porch around 9 a.m. Tuesday when a yellow Nissan Xterra pulled up and the man got out, she said.

At first she thought he might have been selling something, Bond said, before he handed over the bills and two silver \$5 coins. She said he then told the couple to "look up and say thank you" as he pointed to the sky.

"You hear of random acts of kindness but it's usually a Tim Horton's coffee ... you don't get \$100," Bond said.

The man had dark hair, a salt and pepper beard, was dressed like a "normal every day guy" and didn't look especially rich, Bond said.

He also gave out two more \$50 bills to two women in the nearby parking lot of a convenience store, said a man working at the store's counter.

HALEY RYAN/METRO IN HALIFAX



Seal hunt supporters rally as Ottawa appeals EU ban

An Inuit student poses in a sealskin jacket during a rally Tuesday on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Canada and Norway are in the process of appealing the World Trade Organization's recent decision to uphold a four-year-old European Union ban on seal products. The three-day WTO appeal hearing wraps up Wednesday and a final ruling is expected next month. The 2010 EU ban has hurt Canada's 300-year-old commercial sealing industry, which landed 38,000 harp seals in 2011, less than 10 per cent of the total allowable catch. About 70,000 seals were killed in 2012 and another 91,000 last spring.

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A car burns at the scene of a helicopter crash outside the KOMO-TV studios near the Seattle Space Needle on Tuesday.

KELLY KOOPMANS/KOMO-TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seattle. City to revisit policy on helicopter landing pads after crash

The city of Seattle will re-examine its policy on helicopter landing pads in response to Tuesday's fatal crash at a busy downtown intersection.

Mayor Ed Murray said at a news conference hours after the wreck that Seattle's regu-

lations on helipads changed at least 20 years ago, when the city instituted more rules and limited where helicopters could take off and land.

"In consultation with the council, we will decide if we need to adjust our policies," he said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Canadians welcome troops

McPl. Anthony Alliot and Sarah Tooth embrace after the last Canadian soldiers to leave Afghanistan arrived home Tuesday to tears, May 9 will be set aside to honour their contributions and sacrifices.

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Flaherty as finance

'I leave feeling fulfilled.' Flaherty is among Canada's longest-serving finance ministers

Jim Flaherty is leaving the federal cabinet after more than eight years as finance minister to prepare for a return to the private sector, saying the move is unrelated to his recent health problems.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to name his replacement Wednesday.

Flaherty, who delivered his final budget last month, said he made the decision with his family earlier this year.

"As I begin another chapter in my life, I leave feeling fulfilled with what we have accomplished as a government and a country during one of the most challenging economic periods in our country's history," he said in a statement.

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said Flaherty would be retaining — at least for now — his seat in the House of Commons, meaning he remains an MP for the time being.

Flaherty is among Canada's longest-serving finance ministers, appointed to the key economic post when the Conservative government first came to power in 2006.

He managed the country's economy through one of its worst economic crises in 2008-2009, running up large deficits but leaving the books virtually balanced after his Feb. 11 budget.

Speculation about Flaherty's future has risen in recent years after he acknowledged suffering from a rare

Replacement

Media outlets reported Tuesday night that Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver will replace Flaherty.

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Offer excludes charges for freight and air tax (\$1,700), options, license, fuel fill charge, insurance, dealer PDI, PPSA (if financed or leased), administration fee, any other applicable environmental charges, fees and taxes. All prices are based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. †Valid April 30, 2014, receive 0% APR purchase financing on new 2014 Edge models for up to 48 months. Taxes and escape models for up to 60 months, and Ford Focus (excluding R4) and Fiesta models for up to 12 months to qualified retail customers, on approved credit (DAC) from Ford Credit. Not all buyers will qualify for the lowest interest rate. Example: \$25,000 purchase financed at 0% APR for 48/60/72 months, monthly payment is \$520.83/\$466.54/\$422.22, cost of borrowing is \$0 or APR of 0% and total to be repaid is \$25,000. Down payment on purchase financing offers may be required based on approved credit from Ford Credit. **Valid April 30, 2014, receive 0.99% APR purchase financing on new 2014 Ford (Fiesta S/Focus S/Fusion S/Escape S/Ford 2.3L) models for up to 84 months to qualified retail customers, on approved credit (DAC) from Ford Credit. Not all buyers will qualify for the lowest interest rate. Get the below for \$18,999/\$22,999/\$21,999/\$22,249 (purchase financed at 0.99%/0.99%/0.99%/0.99% APR) for 84 months, with \$0 down payment, monthly payment is \$148/\$158/\$158/\$158 (after total Manufacturer Rebates) (\$2,500/\$2,500/\$0/\$0) (deducted). (The sum of twelve (12) monthly payments, divided by 12, gives you a weekly payment of \$36/\$34/\$34/\$34.) Interest cost of borrowing is \$37/\$49/\$2,389/\$2,049) or APR of 0.99%/0.99%/2.99%/2.99% (and total to be repaid is \$18,279/\$24,488/\$24,388/\$25,200). Down payment may be required based on approved credit from Ford Credit. All purchase financing offers exclude charges for freight and air tax (\$1,700), options, license, PPSA, fuel fill charge, insurance, dealer PDI, administration fees, and any other applicable environmental charges, fees and taxes. All prices are based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. ***Estimated fuel consumption ratings for the 2014 Fiesta S4 - 4's Speed Manual or 6 Speed Automatic, 2014 Focus S4 - 4's Speed Manual, 2014 Ford Fusion S4 - 4's Speed SSI, 2014 Escape S4 - 4's Speed SSI, 2014 Edge S4 - 4's Speed SSI. Fuel consumption ratings based on Transport Canada approved test methods. Actual fuel consumption will vary based on road conditions, vehicle loading and driving habits. +Based on Natural Resources Canada city and highway ratings for Ford models, 1995 through 2004. Actual results may vary. **Offer only available at participating Ford dealers with the purchase of lease of a new 2014 Ford Focus, Fusion, Escape, Edge, Hybrid (up to 1,000 litres), Fiesta, Mustang, Taurus, Escape (up to 1,500 litres), and Focus. Escape Edge Expedition (up to 2,000 litres) - all dealer models are excluded. \$0.95 per litre ("Price Lock") amount may only be redeemed for regular grade fuel at participating Esso gas stations and applies when regular grade fuel is priced between \$1.35 and \$1.50 per litre at the participating Esso gas station where the redemption takes place. Where regular grade fuel is priced above \$1.50 per litre, customer will receive a \$0.25 per litre discount off of the regular grade fuel price, and where regular grade fuel is priced below \$1.35, customer will receive a \$0.20 discount off of the regular grade fuel price. See dealer for rules and Premium grade fuel discount structure and for full offer details. †Based on 2007 - 2013 L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8, L9, L10, L11, L12, L13, L14, L15, L16, L17, L18, L19, L20, L21, L22, L23, L24, L25, L26, L27, L28, L29, L30, L31, L32, L33, L34, L35, L36, L37, L38, L39, L40, L41, L42, L43, L44, L45, L46, L47, L48, L49, L50, L51, L52, L53, L54, L55, L56, L57, L58, L59, L60, L61, L62, L63, L64, L65, L66, L67, L68, L69, L70, L71, L72, L73, L74, L75, L76, L77, L78, L79, L80, L81, L82, L83, L84, L85, L86, L87, L88, L89, L90, L91, L92, L93, L94, L95, L96, L97, L98, L99, L100, L101, L102, L103, L104, L105, L106, L107, L108, L109, L110, L111, L112, L113, L114, L115, L116, L117, L118, L119, L120, L121, L122, L123, L124, L125, L126, L127, L128, L129, L130, L131, L132, L133, L134, L135, L136, L137, L138, L139, L140, L141, L142, L143, L144, L145, L146, L147, L148, L149, L150, L151, L152, L153, L154, L155, L156, L157, L158, L159, L160, L161, L162, L163, L164, L165, L166, 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home from Afghanistan

troops from Afghanistan returned to Ottawa on Tuesday. The last hugs from family and friends and a pledge from Stephen Harper that

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resigns minister



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty stands in the House of Commons during Question Period on Parliament Hill, March 4. Flaherty says he is leaving the federal cabinet and returning to the private sector.

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skin condition, requiring him to take medication that led to weight gain and apparent fatigue in public appearances.

His long farewell message to Canadians, delivered unexpectedly on a government website, listed accomplishments such as cooling the

housing market and introducing tax-free savings accounts.

Harper, who has staked his government's reputation on steady economic management, said he regretted the loss of his No. 1 money man.

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Poll. 1 in 4 Canadian kids admit to cyberbullying

About one in four Canadian kids surveyed about cyberbullying admitted they have been "mean or cruel" to someone online, while more than one in three say they've been a victim, according to a newly released study.

But experts say cyberbullying is probably not as rampant or serious as some parents

would believe.

Most commonly, students said the bullying act they committed was name-calling (78 per cent), while very few students owned up to more serious bad behaviour. Seven per cent said they teased a peer about their sexual orientation, and four per cent said they sexually harassed someone. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Medical pot

Lawyer says new growing laws unconstitutional

A lawyer for a group of medical marijuana patients has told a Federal Court judge that stopping his clients from growing their own pot at the end of this month would violate their charter rights.

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10 boys implicated

Community deals with sexting case

Community leaders and police in Terrace, B.C., have resolved a series of texting of sexually explicit images involving 10 boys. RCMP Const. Angela Rabut says the youths, ages 12 to 16, were involved in sending or receiving images of minor girls, and cyberbullying.

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Upgrading your insulation

Your home has a building envelope that includes the exterior walls, foundation, roof, windows and doors. The envelope should keep out extreme temperatures, moisture, dust, and wind.

By properly insulating your building envelope, you will reduce heat loss, create a more comfortable living space, and reduce your energy bills. Some of the signs that might indicate insulation problems are high heating costs, cold walls and floors, uneven heating levels within your home, or mold growth on your walls.

The initial amount of insulation added to an un-insulated area makes a big difference, and adding insulation to top up an area that isn't sufficient also contributes to helping cut heat loss. The measure of how well insulation material resists heat transfer is called its R-value, while the metric equivalent is RSI. The higher the R or RSI-value of a product, the better it resists heat transfer.

To increase the insulation levels in your home:

1. Determine which areas of your home's envelope require additional insulation, or may have moisture problems or drafts.

2. Take note of areas in the attic, walls, or foundation that do not have any insulation, as these areas are likely to have the greatest impact on lowering your energy bills.
3. Consider if you will do-it-yourself or hire a contractor.
4. Regardless of which option you choose, do your research. You are more likely to get the results you want if you are knowledgeable about the work.

Most importantly, before the work begins, make sure to apply for pre-approval to Manitoba Hydro's Home Insulation Program. You can do this by filling out an application with your insulation retailer or chosen contractor. If your project and home qualify you will receive a rebate for up to 100 per cent of your insulation material costs. If your home is poorly insulated, the rebate along with the energy savings you will realize will make your insulation project very worthwhile.

For tips on inspecting your attic, walls, and foundation ask for Power Smart: Guides 1-4 at your local building supply retailer.

For additional advice on saving energy... call us at
204-480-5900 in Winnipeg, or 1-888-624-9376 (1-888-MBHYDRO).

You can also visit hydro.mb.ca
or email powersmartexpert@hydro.mb.ca.



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Fan-made content is music to record executives' ears

YouTube. User uploads earning music biz more dough than official videos

The recording industry is making more money from fan-made mashups, lip-synchs and tributes on YouTube than from official music videos.

"It's a massive growth area. We're very excited about the creativity of consumers using our repertoire and creating their own versions of our videos," said Francis Keeling, the global head of digital business for Universal Music Group.

With one billion users worldwide, YouTube is the most used music service in the world, according to the annual Music Report released Tues-

Hitting the right notes

New revenue streams are good news for the music industry, which saw a global decline in revenues of 3.9% in 2013 to about \$15 billion US.

day by IFPI, an organization that represents 1,300 record companies around the world.

"All record companies make their repertoire available to YouTube," Keeling explained.

The video website, owned by Google, alerts record companies when a YouTube user uploads content that uses a copyrighted song.

Rather than order the video removed for copyright infringement, the record company can instead choose to

run ads before and during the video, making money off the video's views.

For example, a video of American comedian Steve Kardynal wearing a bikini and lip-synching Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe for unsuspecting viewers on Chatroulette racked up more than 14 million views, which earned ad dollars for the record label behind Jepsen's hit single.

User-generated content is actually generating more money for record labels than the official music videos posted by record labels, Keeling said.

"A lot of that is due to consumers putting more and more repertoire and new versions up there, but also it's YouTube getting better at advertising," he said.

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The winter of flyers' discontent

A flight board shows JetBlue cancellations at Logan International Airport on Jan. 7 in Boston, a day after the airline cancelled nearly all operations into Logan because of bad weather. It was that kind of month for JetBlue, and it was that kind of month for all U.S. airlines, which posted one of their worst January on-time performances ever, as winter storms pounded parts of the country. One-third of all flights arrived late, the rate of cancelled flights was the second-highest ever, and reports of mishandled bags soared. STORY: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; PHOTO: DARREN MCCOLLESTER/GETTY IMAGES

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Help Robbie find a job

Looking for a job sucks.

There are always hundreds of qualified applicants to compete with, so it's basically a crapshoot every time someone drops off a resumé or clicks "submit" on an online job application.

Couple that with being new in a town where you don't know anyone to nudge you in the right direction and you're in Vancouverite Robbie Cooke's position.

"Well, I moved out to Vancouver late last year and I knew that the job market wasn't amazing out here, but I didn't know it would be this bad," Cooke said. "I heard some places will get thousands of responses or applicants, so one day I figured why not take a different approach."



Robbie Cooke of Vancouver needs your help finding a job. CONTRIBUTED

It was in his most dire moment that Cooke, with his marketing background, cooked up a plan. Instead of going to a traditional headhunter, he went to the biggest headhunter of them all: the Internet.

The result is helprobchief-indajob.com. By way of the site, Cooke is offering 10 per cent of his initial starting salary to

anyone who helps him set up an interview and land a job. If he gets \$60,000 a year, the go-between gets \$6,000 — after the probation period ends.

Since setting up the website on March 15, Cooke said, he's received two offers for interviews, but nothing is official yet.

SAM SMITH/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

U.S. states look at 'free' tuition

Nothing sparks consumer demand like the word "free," and politicians in some states have proposed the idea of providing that incentive to get young people to attend community college.

Amid worries that U.S. youth are losing a global skills race, supporters of a no-tuition policy see expanding

access to community college as a way to boost educational attainment so the emerging workforces in their states look good to employers.

Of course, such plans aren't free for taxpayers, and legislators in Oregon and Tennessee are deciding whether free tuition regardless of family income is the

best use of public money. A Mississippi bill passed the state House, but then failed in the Senate.

The debate comes in a midterm election year in which income inequality and the burdens of student debt are likely going to be significant issues.

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AND THE MOST FAMOUS CANADIAN IS...

Quick! Who's the most famous Canadian in the world?

Chris Hadfield, the singing astronaut?

Christopher Plummer, the Oscar-winning actor?

Wayne Gretzky, the Great One?

Nope, it's Avril Lavigne, that's who.

That's if you believe an MIT research project called Pantheon that combed through online references to anyone between 4,000 BC and 2010 who has a Wikipedia reference in more than 25 languages.

It's bad enough that MIT has anointed a pop has-been in the waning stages of her career as the most famous Canadian ever, but our credulity is strained to the breaking point as it goes down the list.

The second most famous Canadian is Jim Carrey? Jim Carrey hasn't had a hit since the '90s and his most recent effort is *Dumb and Dumber To*.

The outrage continues: Justin Bieber is number three,



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which makes sense because he's Canadian Bad Boy Number One, right up there with Rob Ford. Number four is Celine Dion, who's certainly famous in Vegas, but number five is Pamela Anderson, who was famous for doing nothing long ago, before she was supplanted by Kim Kardashian.

As statistically sound as it appears to be, the process is obviously flawed. Garbage in, garbage out. What can you expect from research that would have us believe that the world's most famous actor is Molière? (Thousands of commuters call up Molière on their devices, only to discover a 17th century French playwright. Shakespeare would have something to say about that, in iambic pentameter, no less.)

You have to wonder what Avril Lavigne is thinking, as she lounges by the pool out there somewhere in pop-tart land with her arguably more famous husband Chad Kroeger, lead singer for Nickelback. "Like, Chad, I told you I was more

famous than you are. In fact, I'm more famous than Pamela Anderson."

I really don't think MIT should be encouraging this sort of thing.

Chad, by the way, did not make the list even though he's the front man for Billboard's top rock group of the 2000s.

The rest of the top 25 list continues to undermine the credibility of the MIT findings. Either that, or I don't get out enough these days. Somebody named Chris Benoit is the 12th most famous Canadian in the world, more famous than Avatar director James Cameron (14) and Marshall McLuhan (17) the man who said "The medium is the message." Boy, was he right on. Just not as famous as Avril Lavigne or Chris Benoit, whoever he is.

It may be this list is telling the truth, and in the words of that famous American Jack Nicholson, we can't handle the truth. So, like most people who don't like what they hear, I propose to ignore all this ... data, and go on thinking that Glenn Gould, the world's greatest pianist (19), is more famous, and deservedly so, than some guy named Chris Benoit.

ZOOM

Birds of a spider flock together

Spider's display is courtship dance

This male spider tries to attract a female by showing off its colours — just like a peacock. The maratus, also known as the peacock spider, flaunts its stunning blue, red and green flaps to catch the eye of a female. The spider, one of 43 species of maratus, was found by biologist Jurgén Otto near Esperance, Western Australia. **METRO**

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"The males do not discriminate between the females of different species and will display their bright bodies to females that belong to other species." Jurgén Otto

Arachnid gives bird's-eye view

This species of peacock spider, the maratus avibus, really does look like a feathered creature.

"The design on the spider's abdomen looks like two birds facing each other — which made experts choose the name 'avibus', meaning 'birds' in Latin," says Otto.

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It's that time of year again: the dreaded tax season. With a few weeks to go to file, might as well check it off the to-do list now. You can shell out and get your accountant to take care of it, or stay home, brew a cup of coffee and get it done yourself. Here are a few CRA Netfile-certified online/mobile options to (hopefully) take some of the pain away.



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SimpleTax:

Relatively new to the tax-filing game, this unique pay-what-you-want model lets users decide how much — if anything — they want to pay.

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need to use their parent company, TurboTax, for that.

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Filmmaker explores teen genre in Beyond Clueless

SXSW. Documentary examines teen movies from more than 200 not-quite classics



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Metro World News in Hollywood

First-time filmmaker Charlie Lyne came to SXSW to premiere *Beyond Clueless*, his exploration of teen movies. Less a traditional, talking heads doc than a lyrical, fluid examination of the genre, Lyne gives the scholarly and artistic treatment to a class of films usually excluded from such pursuits, with narration by Fairuza Balk and visuals from more than 200 teen not-quite classics.

How has it been, bringing your first film to SXSW?

What's nice is it feels like we're repeating the experience of doing the Kickstarter now because it's going out to a load of people who have no idea who any of us are but have some bearing on this subject matter. ... Everyone has that film that they grew up watching and obsessing over, and usually it's a film that is quite singular to them.

So is *Clueless* that movie for you?

Clueless is a film I completely love and certainly growing up it was one of my five or 10 that I would go back to again and again and again, but ac-

tually the ones I always found more fascinating were the ones that, for lack of a better word, aren't quite as good as *Clueless*.

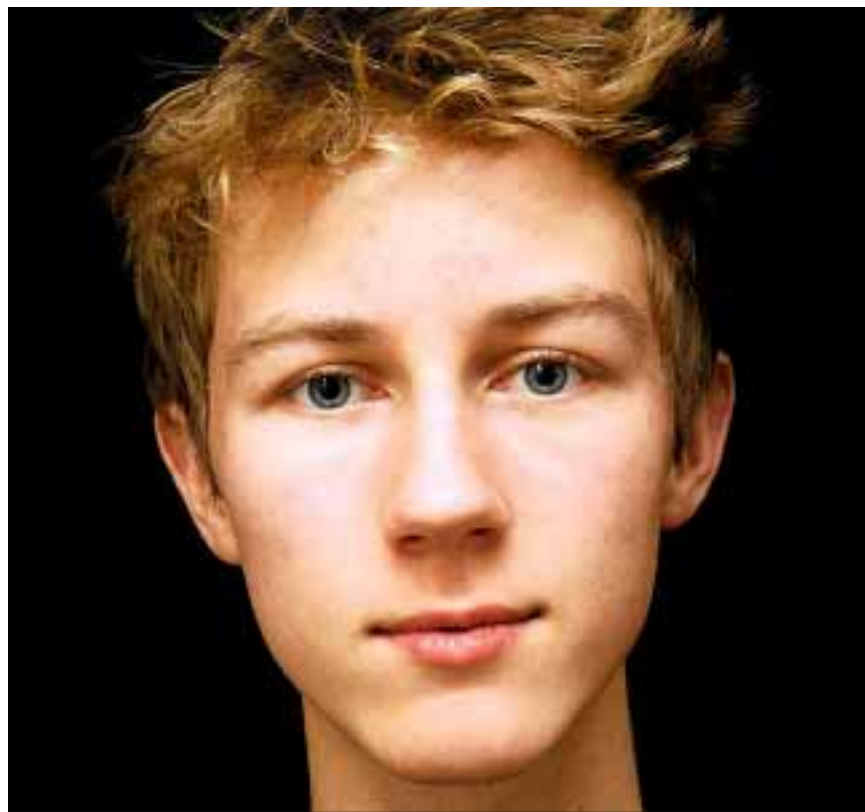
The teen genre for me is most fascinating when it doesn't quite work, you know? There's plenty of teen movies that I think are unequivocally brilliant — wouldn't change a thing, perfect movies — stuff like *Clueless*, stuff like *Cruel Intentions*, that just really work and know themselves.

But the teen movies that I find fascinating are the ones that aren't quite there, that have so much buried beneath the skin but don't quite know what they are. There's so much more going on that even the film itself isn't really aware of — which perfectly mirrors the experience of being a teenager.

So a film with an identity crisis?

Exactly. So many of them seem to have these palpable identity crises going on inside them. Something like *Idle Hands*. A film about a teenage boy who has an attractive girl move in next door and suddenly finds that he can't control his right hand — it doesn't seem like a stretch to say that's a metaphor for something. And yet you look back at the way people talked about it when it first came out and there's nothing about that. It's all just, "Devon Sawa is reasonably OK in this mid-dling horror vehicle."

The teen market is also one



First-time filmmaker Charlie Lyne brings his exploration of teen movies to SXSW in *Beyond Clueless*. CONTRIBUTED

that never really goes away in Hollywood.

Surely it's the one film genre that openly states who it's for in its very title. I love that about it, I think there's something really interesting about films that are explicitly marketed toward the most malleable, impressionable

group. And why wouldn't they be the most fascinating to talk about when they have so much power over people?

I think everyone would be willing to admit that they were in at least some way shaped by the films that they saw at that age. That was what was brilliant and terrifying about doing this

film, was watching all these films that I unthinkingly took on at 13 and going, "Oh God, what awful lessons was I learning? What was I accepting about myself on the basis of this film?" So it's been good therapy. I'm now a functional human being after going through my teen movie demons.

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Imogen imagines the woman behind Hendrix

Jimi: All is by My Side.

Actress Imogen Poots talks to Metro about her role as Linda Keith, who cajoled Hendrix out of obscurity



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Metro World News in Hollywood

British actress Imogen Poots made a quick stop in Austin, Texas, to unveil Jimi: All is by My Side, writer-director John Ridley's look at the early days of Jimi Hendrix (Andre Benjamin), at SXSW. In the film, Poots stars as Linda Keith, girlfriend to Keith Richards and the woman who cajoles Hendrix out of obscurity and helps shape his style and persona.

First of all, we have to talk

about Andre Benjamin's performance as Hendrix.

He's electrifying. The first time I met him I was so entranced by him. And I think, if anything, he had to quiet himself for Jimi. There's a real intelligence and perceptiveness to somebody just observing and being quiet, and I think that's something he wanted Jimi to have. And also an innate melancholy. I think that comes true.

Linda Keith is not as well known, so was it less of a worry for you about having to match her?

Our director spoke to her, and she was very cool. She was sort of like, "Go do your thing, I give you my blessing but I don't want any part of it." In that way, it was certainly a relief, because if you meet the person face-to-face

it's a whole new pressure. But I really, really love Linda. You can see how important it was to her but also how cool she was in a way. I wouldn't want Linda Keith to turn around and be like, "What have you done? My hair wasn't cut that way!"

It's fascinating to see her role in shaping who Jimi Hendrix eventually came to be.

And I think it's really, really authentic, actually, in terms of John's storytelling. She very much was a catalyst for him. She was really instrumental in his career in London, and a lot of people maybe don't know that.

You'd think Hendrix would have been a bit more appreciative.

I think what she knows is the idea that you can sort of nurture an artist and support them, but they don't belong

to you. The audience and the listeners believe that a part of him belongs to them. You can't put ownership on a figure.

It's sort of the same thing as making a film about Hendrix. People who love him will feel an inevitable ownership, like they want to see the Hendrix they want to see. But my favourite thing about the role, really, was the idea that you do all this and then you can step back and maybe just listen to the records. And then you just live your life.

And given the emphasis put on music, SXSW seems like a fantastic environment to showcase a film like this.

It's great, it's such a fun environment. I'm just happy to be heading south whenever I'm in America, always. In search of cowboys. They're somewhere.



Actress Imogen Poots attends the premiere of Jimi: All By My Side during the SXSW Music, Film + Interactive Festival at the Paramount Theatre on March 12, 2014, in Austin, Texas. MICHAEL BUCKNER/GETTY IMAGES

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Schoolboy Q basks in glow of first No. 1 album

No longer the hypeman. Kendrick Lamar's label-mate scores latest hit for Top Dawg Entertainment

It's Schoolboy Q's turn. The Los Angeles rapper took the hand-off from Top Dawg Entertainment label-mate Kendrick Lamar and scored a touchdown when his new album *Oxymoron* opened at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, selling 139,000 copies in the week ending March 2. It's the second straight strong showing for TDE and Q, who sees it as the start of a championship team.

"Somebody has to step up besides Kevin Durant," said Q, who made the rounds at South by Southwest last week. "Somebody has to step up beside Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant. They can't do it by themselves. Football is the best example, you can't win by yourself. A good quarterback can't win a champion-

ship. The linebacker can't win you a championship. The coach can't win you a championship. It has to be everybody."

Q held up his part of the deal, delivering a critically praised major label debut that compares favourably to Lamar's Grammy Award-nominated breakthrough good kid, m.A.A.d. city in its grittiness and authenticity. Given the opportunity in front of him, the rapper could have aimed for pop radio success, but instead made an LP that reflects his life as a father and former gang member.

The 27-year-old began his TDE run as Lamar's hype man and calls King Kendrick his brother, giving him the credit for his moment.

"That's how it goes in any successful label — you have to roll off somebody," Q said.

Terrence "Punch" Henderson, one of TDE's two founders, said the back-to-back successes — good kid, m.A.A.d. city debuted at No. 2 upon its release in Novem-



Schoolboy Q performs during this year's SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas. JACK PLUNKETT/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ber 2012 — show where the label is headed.

"The first time with Kendrick wasn't a fluke," Henderson said. "Q came out, got a No. 1 album, but the album's actually great. It's a great record and that's what

we aim towards, to put out great music."

Henderson reaffirmed plans to release a new album from every label member this year — SZA is up next on April 8.

That list includes Lamar,

who he says has recorded 12 new songs but may throw them out and start anew.

Interest is high. Lamar was one of the top nominees at the 2014 Grammy Awards, but was shut out in what turned out to be a hip-hop

Quoted

"It's just up to you to take advantage of the opportunity because there's plenty of rappers that have friends."

Schoolboy Q
on working with Kendrick Lamar

landslide victory for Macklemore & Ryan Lewis. Though Lamar didn't win, he teamed with Imagine Dragons for one of the night's most powerful performances and attained a new level of popularity.

"The performance was crazy, probably the best performance of the night," Henderson said. "I'm not just saying that because that's my artist either. After all that controversy behind him not winning, that's keeping him in all the conversations. It keeps us as an underdog. There's no ceiling. If you win, where do you go after that? So it gives us something to work towards still."

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Lovebirds despised each other on set of That '70s Show, say former co-stars

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis are set to tie the knot and seem ridiculously happy together, and no one is more surprised than their former That '70s Show colleagues.

"Everyone shakes their head over the romance," a source says, explaining that the pair "despised each other" while making the hit sitcom, according to Radar Online. "Ashton and Mila were absolutely not friends during much of the making of That '70s Show. In fact, they couldn't stand working together."

That all changed, apparently, after Kutcher's very public split from ex-wife Demi Moore. "Mila was the one who came forward to bury the hatchet," the source explains. "Everyone's amazed at how different Ashton and



Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis
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Mila are together from when they were younger. It's such a total change."

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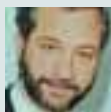
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Running late to a meeting. Why? Because I couldn't get my damn winged eyeliner straight!



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That 6:30AM wake up call today was a bit over the top. A simple car alarm going off pre-dawn will suffice.



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Everyone seems to say 'love you' way more than they used to. Is this a new catch phrase? I don't think more people actually love me.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Courtney Love finds missing airplane, according to Courtney Love

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

Courtney Love is about as stable as Los Angeles was at 6:25 a.m. on Monday. If given the choice, I would not elect Courtney to the position of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 Finder-In-Chief — for that, I'd probably go with an international team of aviation experts.

However, the international team of aviation experts haven't turned up much, have they? Every day they widen the search area so much that I presume we'll soon be looking on the moon. Courtney Love, on the other hand, believes she knows exactly where it is, so maybe we ought to give her a shot.

"I'm no expert but up close this does look like a plane and an oil slick," she tweeted, with a link to a satellite photo showing an empty-looking stretch of



ocean.

Love then tweeted that the location was "like a mile away Pulau Perak, where they 'last' tracked it." She also added some childish-looking scrawls over the photo pointing to where she thinks the plane and oil are.

I really don't know what I'll do with myself if it turns out she's right. Then again, Courtney Love Finding Missing People All Around the World Through the Power of MS Paint is definitely a TV show I'd watch.



L'Wren Scott THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Eerie posts appear on L'Wren's social media feeds

Designer L'Wren Scott's sudden death Monday was made even more shocking when her social media accounts continued posting several hours after she died.

Because of previously scheduled posts or a PR team that wasn't yet aware of her passing, several Facebook posts and tweets appeared after her death was announced, confusing and upsetting her followers.

Perhaps the eeriest image was a photo of several of Scott's designs hung from a tree and apparently lit from within, which appeared on the designer's Facebook just hours after her death was announced. A strange, ghostly image indeed, after the designer's apparent suicide.

Her Twitter account also remained active, leaving some fans unsure of whether

her death was a hoax or not. Fashion blogger Bryan Boy shared a befuddled screenshot and tweeted, "But Lwren tweeted 3 hours ago???"

Scott was Mick Jagger's longtime girlfriend, and The Rolling Stones said Tuesday they have called off tour dates in Australia and New Zealand in the wake of her death.

The iconic band said in a statement they "are deeply sorry and disappointed to announce the postponement of the rest of their 14 ON FIRE tour." Band members thanked fans "for their support at this difficult time."

The Stones were scheduled to play Wednesday in Perth, Australia, and at other stops this week and next week, including Melbourne and Sydney. **WITH FILES FROM**

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Jenny Baumann's itinerary for her first trip to New York City: Rockefeller Center. The Empire State Building. Central Park. Night court.

In a city synonymous with theatres and nightlife, the 26-year-old from Munich was perched on a scarred wooden bench in a utilitarian room in lower Manhattan on a recent evening, straining to decode — sometimes even to hear — the methodical hubbub of arraignments in one of the U.S.'s busiest courts.

"It's very interesting to hear real cases," Baumann said as she and a friend watched a judge decide whether to set bail for people facing charges ranging from choking a girlfriend to stealing a six-pack of beer. Each case was handled in a matter of minutes amid a hive of clerks shuffling paperwork, police taking retinal scans, defendants and lawyers conferring in a confessional-sized glass booth and court officers occasionally bellowing, "Quiet, please!"

It's one of New York's more peculiar and paradoxical tourist traditions.

Dozens of jurisdictions nationwide hold some court sessions at night, but Manhattan Criminal Court occupies a unique spot in the public's imagination, thanks to TV's Law & Order and Night Court, not to mention arraignments of real-life notables ranging from rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs to French politician Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

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Meliá Vienna Hotel soars

Vienna has a new addition to its skyline: The first of two Donau City Towers, the tallest in the city at 250 metres. Designed by Paris architect Dominique Perrault, it is home to the new, 253-room Meliá Vienna hotel that takes up the first 15 floors. The stunning 57 Restaurant & Lounge on the rooftop will be the hip place to be. Rooms from \$150 to \$5,300. Visit melia.com.

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Clicks, consoles and conversation

Pondering between play. Game makers to explore misogyny, racism and homophobia at annual gathering

The video game industry is taking itself more seriously.

Besides the usual talk of polygons, virtual worlds and artificial intelligence at this week's Game Developers Conference in San Francisco, there will also be planned discussions led by game makers about such socially conscious topics as designing for gamers with disabilities, battling depression at game studios and tackling hate speech in online game communities.

The organizers of GDC, which kicked off Monday at the Moscone Center and continues through Friday, have expanded the conference's advocacy-themed sessions with panels featuring such titles as Beyond Graphics: Reaching the Visually Impaired Gamer, How to Subversively Queer Your Work and



Attendees play the Nintendo game Mario Tennis Open on a Nintendo 3DS console before its release at the 2012 Game Developers Conference in San Francisco. This year's conference will go beyond technology to address issues that affect gaming industry workers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Women Don't Want to Work in Games (and Other Myths).

"It's something that in some way or another has always been part of the conference, but it's something that we've found interest in genuinely continue to grow as the industry has become more diverse and inclusive," said Simon Carless, executive vice-president

of UBM Tech Game Network, which organizes GDC and several other technology conventions.

This year's conference is expected to attract about 23,000 game developers and executives from across the globe. Carless and other GDC organizers, which includes an advocacy advisory committee made

up of game designers, hope that examinations of racism, misogyny and homophobia in games aid the industry's continued fight for wider cultural legitimacy.

Rosalind Wiseman, author of the book Queen Bees and Wannabes, which inspired the Lindsay Lohan film Mean Girls, was part of a Tuesday discus-

Gab and games

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Simon Carless on incorporating lectures that tackle real-life issues into the Game Developers Conference itinerary

sion about gaming and social hierarchies among boys.

The panel was to examine how the games that young men choose to play affect their popularity, as well as their social competence in moments of conflict.

Other speakers will include Adam Orth, who left Microsoft Corp. last year after fiery Twitter exchanges about "always-on" technology; Manveer Heir, a game maker who works on the Mass Effect sci-fi series, which features gay and lesbian characters; and Toshifumi Nakabayashi, who organizes an annual game workshop to support Fukushima disaster victims.


Despite the refreshed focus on real-world issues at the convention, how to view and inter-

act with ever-changing virtual worlds will ultimately take centre stage at GDC.

PlayStation 4 creator Sony Corp. was expected to tease its rendition of virtual reality technology during a presentation called Driving the Future of Innovation at Sony Computer Entertainment.

Meanwhile, a handful of developers will be showing off software using the VR goggles Oculus Rift, which captured attendees' attention at last year's conference. The exhibit ALT.CTRL.GDC will highlight 14 games that utilize such alternative control schemes, like a piano-powered version of the sidescroller Canabalt and a holographic display called Voxiebox.

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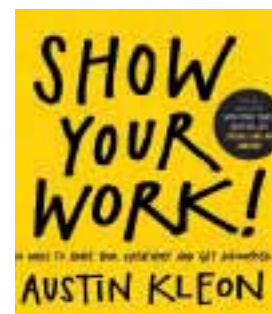
A Warhol in the wings. Van Gogh ahead and get some extra pairs of eyes on those masterpieces

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You write, you paint, you compose — but who really cares besides you? With a few good tips from the book Show Your Work by Austin Kleon it might be easier to get noticed among all the other artists out there. We got some of the best advice from his boldly designed book.

Share something small every day

"The thing about sharing is that you want to make sure it's an act of generosity, and that what you're sharing is either interesting or useful to the people on the other end.



"When I say 'share something small every day' it can be something very small. Just one little piece of your process that you think might be interesting or helpful for someone else. Some of the writers I follow (online) share their favourite sentence that they read every day. Or an artist will just share a page from their sketchbook.

"Little bits and pieces you can share every day that kind of put yourself out there and keep people up to date with what you're doing. It's kind of like if a

filmmaker will share the DVD extras while they were still making the movie."

Learn to take a punch

"When you put your work out into the world you have to be ready for the good, the bad and the ugly.

"I feel that sharing your work on the whole is a very pleasant and good experience, but you're always going to take a punch, so to speak. You really just have to get your work out there and experience what it's like to have it out. Just to have people see it and talk about it. The way to take a punch is to get hit a lot.

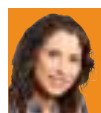
"Get used to being hit, you know. It's important to remember that your work isn't you.

"People feel really close to their work, but you have to remember that the products of your work aren't necessarily you personally. So when people tear down your work they're not necessarily tearing down you."

Sneak extra fibre and protein into a Chinese food favourite

Chicken Fried Rice.

With the addition of chickpeas, this dish takes on a healthier profile that is sure to become a family fave



DINNER EXPRESS
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One my grandmother's favourite things to eat is Chinese food.

I'm not sure if it's the colourful sauces or the strong differences in flavours from her mother country's Italian food but she sure does enjoy it.

So, at her 85 years of age, I like to make food for her that is hearty and healthy. Here is a version of chicken fried rice that fits

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) brown rice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sesame oil
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped (about 12 oz/340 g)
- 1 cup (250 ml) sliced mushrooms
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sliced celery
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked chickpeas
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sodium reduced soy sauce
- 2 cups (500 ml) bean sprouts

Cooking tips

- Vegetarian Fried Rice option: Use vegetable broth for the chicken stock and omit chicken breasts. Use 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) chopped extra firm tofu for the chicken.
- You can use 2 cups (500 ml) of cooked chopped or shredded chicken instead of cooking chicken for the recipe.

the bill.

Luckily, she approves of it — even with the slightly sneaky addition of chickpeas for additional fibre! The chickpeas also add protein to keep you full.

Colourful and easy to make, it should quickly become your grandma's (and entire family's) favourite too.

1. In a saucepan, bring 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) of the sodium reduced chicken stock and brown rice to boil.

2. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for about 25 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with fork and set aside.

3. In a large nonstick skillet heat the sesame oil over medium high heat and cook boneless skinless chicken and sliced mushrooms for about 8 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink.

4. Add the chopped green onions, diced carrot, sliced celery, cooked chickpeas and

cooked rice. Cook, stirring for 2 another minutes to combine all of the flavours.

5. Add the remaining chicken stock and soy sauce and cook for 5 minutes. Add bean sprouts and toss to combine.

6. Serve on its own or with side of sautéed vegetables.



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This recipe makes four servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Savoury yet light Asian flavour



Teriyaki Chicken Lettuce Wraps serve eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fried Asian food (think spring rolls, wontons) is a lot of people's fave, but who wants to deep-fry at home? Simple teriyaki chicken served in lettuce wraps is not only full of Asian flavours but healthier too.

1. In a small bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, honey, ginger, garlic powder, hot sauce and fish sauce. Set aside.

2. In a food processor, combine carrots and onion. Pulse

until finely chopped. Add chicken, then pulse several times to begin chopping chicken. Add sauce, then continue pulsing just until chicken is well chopped, but not ground.

3. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the chicken and cook, stirring often and breaking up any clumps, until cooked through, about 8 minutes. In a small glass, stir together the cornstarch and water, then

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp hot sauce
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 3 medium carrots, cut into chunks
- 1 small yellow onion, quartered
- 1 1/2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 tbsp canola oil
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp cool water
- 1 head Boston lettuce, separated into leaves (or similar broad, tender lettuce)

add to the skillet. Stir and cook for another 2 minutes.

4. Transfer the chicken to one side of a serving platter. Arrange the lettuce leaves on

the other side. Diners help themselves by spooning the chicken into individual leaves, using the leaves as they would a sandwich wrap.

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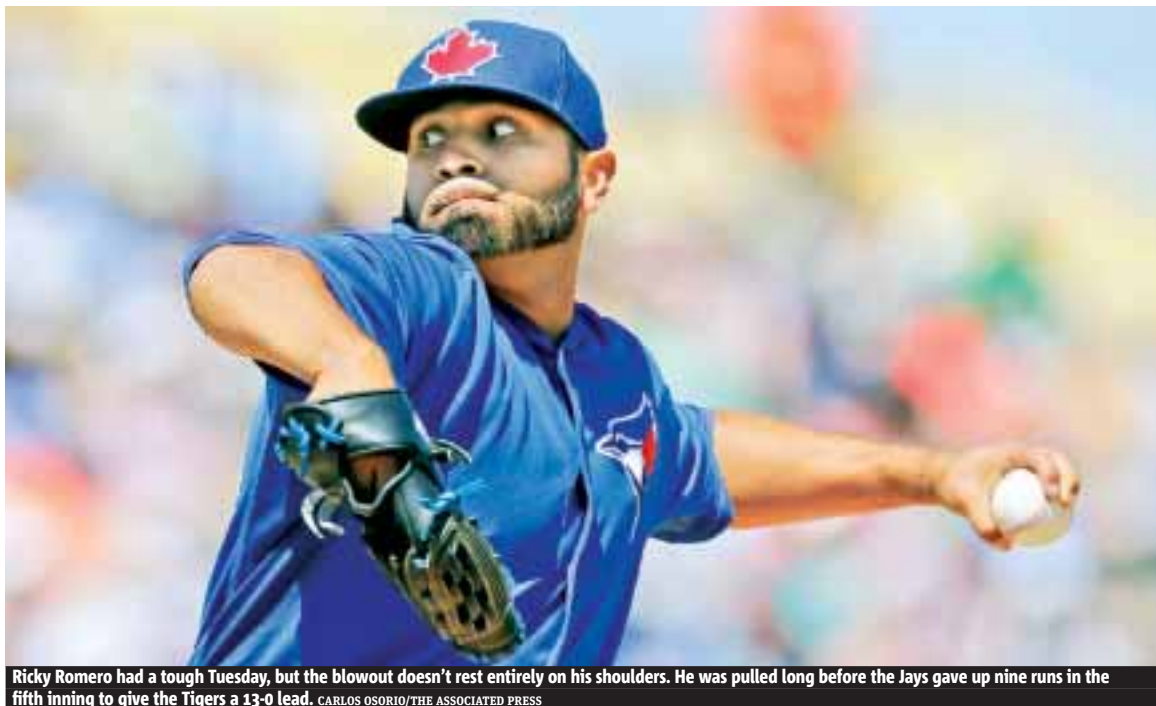
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Ricky Romero had a tough Tuesday, but the blowout doesn't rest entirely on his shoulders. He was pulled long before the Jays gave up nine runs in the fifth inning to give the Tigers a 13-0 lead. CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romero unravels in Jays' blowout loss

Spring training. Entire Toronto pitching staff serves up buffet of taters to Tigers

Ricky Romero's comeback bid hit another road bump Tuesday in an ugly 18-4 Jays loss to a Detroit Tigers split squad.

The Toronto plan was for Romero and Marcus Stroman to combine for nine innings, with none of Toronto's established bullpen members along for the ride. Instead

Morrow falls to fifth in rotation

Right-hander Brandon Morrow, who started last season second in the Jays pitching rotation, will open the 2014 campaign as the Jays' fifth starter.

- Toronto manager John Gibbons says the move to the fifth spot is partially to give Morrow more time to get ready.

the Tigers treated Romero, Jeremy Jeffress, Stroman and Marcus Walden like batting practice pitchers.

Romero gave up a two-run homer to Austin Jackson in the second after hitting a Tiger to put him on base and

yielded another run in an unsightly third inning that featured a triple, four walks and two wild pitches. It could have been far worse but two Tigers were caught stealing in the inning.

The left-hander exited

after 2 2/3 innings, giving way to Jeffress. Unofficially Romero threw 57 pitches, 23 for strikes on a sunny day in Lakeland, Fla.

"We've taken too many steps forward to dwell on this," Romero said afterwards. Romero and Jeffress walked eight between them in the first four innings.

Things continued to fall apart when Stroman gave up a walk, four singles and a grand slam homer to Don Kelly in a fifth inning that went from bad to worse.

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NBA

Knicks introduce president Jackson

Phil Jackson has returned to the New York Knicks as their team president.

The Knicks announced Jackson's hiring Tuesday at a news conference in the lobby of Madison Square Garden, where a giant sign reading "Welcome Home Phil" was overhead and shirts with the No. 18 Jackson wore as a player lined the merchandise store.

Jackson signed a five-year contract that reportedly will pay him at least \$12 million annually and said he will spend significant time in New York.

"This is the best place to play basketball," Jackson said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Knicks team president Phil Jackson GETTY IMAGES

First Four

Albany sets up date with Gators

D.J. Evans scored 22 points, including two clinching free throws with 12.6 seconds left, to lead Albany to its first NCAA tournament victory, 71-64 over Mount St. Mary's on Tuesday night in the First Four.

The Great Danes (19-14) advance to meet overall No. 1 seed and top-ranked Florida on Thursday in Orlando.

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CFL pass-interference rules under review



The CFL might become the first league to allow pass interference to be reviewed by video. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

The CFL is considering whether to make pass interference subject to video review, the league announced Tuesday.

Under a proposal to be voted upon Thursday by the league's rules committee, coaches would be allowed to challenge both called and potential defensive pass interference fouls under certain conditions.

If passed, the CFL would become the first football league to subject pass interference to video review.

"This is more than innovative," Glen Johnson, the CFL's

vice-president of officiating, said in a statement. "In the world of officiating, for all sports, it's revolutionary."

"Leagues have been reluctant to subject 'judgment calls' to video review, and pass interference in football is the ultimate 'judgment call,' because it involves so many subjective elements. It will be interesting to see if the committee approves it, and whether our board of governors, which is our ultimate authority on rules, also ratifies it."

Under the proposal, a team

could use any or all of its coaches' challenges to challenge a called or potential pass interference foul up to the final three minutes of a game. In the final three minutes and overtime, a club could only challenge such a call or non-call once, and only if it still has an unused challenge and a timeout remaining.

The rules committee is considering the command centre automatically reviewing all turnovers and allowing it to detect illegal participation during a play.

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Down, nearly-out Jets need more time to jell



THE HOCKEY NEWS
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So it turns out that a little mid-season R 'n' R didn't do the Winnipeg Jets much good at all. In fact, the NHL's February hiatus has hurt them more than any other team in the Western Conference.

Heading into the Olympic break, Winnipeg was 9-3-1 under Paul Maurice since he took over as coach following the long-overdue firing of Claude Noel on Jan. 12. The Jets had found their groove and climbed back to within two points of the playoffs.

Since the Sochi Games ended, however, it's been a different story. Winnipeg has a Western Conference-worst 3-4-3 record (every other team in the West has won at least four games) and has slipped to six points out of the post-season. After getting back on track with Maurice at the helm, the Jets have suddenly lost their way again.

So what's the reason for the post-Olympics hangover? It can't be fatigue.

Winnipeg sent only Ondrej Pavelec, Michael Frolik, Blake Wheeler and Olli Jokinen to Sochi, so most of its front-line players stayed home.

It can't be a lack of readiness to resume play, because

Maurice has a well-earned reputation for always having his players well prepared. And it can't be the schedule, because Winnipeg has played seven of its 10 games at home since Sochi.

What you're seeing, Jets fans, is less of a hangover and more of a reality check. It's a classic case of a team coming back to Earth after riding the fleeting high of a mid-season coaching change. A quick switch behind the bench quite often pays immediate dividends. That's the easy part.

The trick is to maintain and increase that profit margin in improved play over time. Maurice was able to kick-start the team after taking over the reins, but now he's realizing he just doesn't have the horses to win the race to the post-season.

Truth be told, the Jets just aren't all that good — yet. The Hockey News picked them to finish sixth in the Central Division, and that's exactly where they are today. But GM Kevin Cheveldayoff has put together and locked up long-term a fine-looking core, buoyed by an impressive crop of young players. This group simply needs more time to jell.

Can the Jets climb back into the race? Sure, but they'll have to climb over three teams — Vancouver, Dallas and Phoenix — to do so. Don't bet it, though. Winnipeg's time will come. Just not in 2013-14.



The Blues' David Backes scores past Winnipeg Jets goalie Al Montoya during Monday's game in St. Louis. The Jets lost 4-1. JEFF ROBERSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Habs' Vanek does the trick against Roy, Avs

Thomas Vanek had a hat trick to lift Montreal to a 6-3 win over the Colorado Avalanche in former Canadiens great Patrick Roy's first game at the Bell Centre as an NHL head coach.

Brandon Prust, who left the game late in the first period with an apparent shoulder injury, returned to score a goal and set up one by Travis Moen for Montreal (38-25-7), which won its third game in a row. Vanek got his first goal in six games since he was acquired in an NHL trade deadline deal.

Trailing by two goals, Roy pulled goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere with 2:20 left to play, but Dale Weise scored into the empty net.

Rookie Nathan MacKinnon scored a highlight-reel goal and Max Talbot and Jamie McGinn also scored for the Avalanche (44-20-5), which lost for only the third time in 10 games. The Avs



Colorado Avalanche coach Patrick Roy. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

end a three-game road trip Wednesday night in Winnipeg.

Roy won Stanley Cups for the Canadiens in 1986 and 1993, but later demanded a trade and was on the outs with the organization until 2008 when they retired his No. 33 jersey. All seemed forgiven when the former goaltender got his first long ovation when he was shown on the scoreboard during the national anthems.

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NHL

Red Wings hold off Maple Leafs

Gustav Nyquist had two goals and Jimmy Howard made 31 saves to help the Detroit Red Wings hold on to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Jake Gardiner scored on a power play midway through the third period to pull the Leafs within a goal, but Daniel Alfredsson's wrist shot with 2:33 left put the game out of reach for Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Sens' sloppy 2nd seals their fate

The New York Rangers used a four-goal second period Tuesday night to defeat the host Ottawa Senators 8-4.

Derick Brassard, Benoit Pouliot, John Moore and Martin St. Louis all scored in the second, with the final three coming less than four minutes apart late in the period. The Senators trail the Rangers by nine points for the final playoff spot.

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Smile big in the 2014 Mini Cooper

Review. The same . . . but totally different? This shouldn't really come as a surprise to anyone

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Some cars can make you smile, whether you're behind the wheel, riding as a passenger, or watching them drive down the street.

Since its 2002 model-year arrival, the Mini Cooper has enjoyed a growing number of admirers, due in no small part to the Mini brand adding more and more models.

The third-generation BMW-built Mini, which goes on sale this spring, should elicit the same appreciative grins even if to the casual observer it appears much the same as before. Hard-core Mini fans will, however, note significant changes afoot everywhere, which is because virtually every aspect of the Mini Cooper is brand new.

The extra 4.5 centimetres in width is good news for passengers and should also make for flatter cornering. As well, an extra three centimetres between the front and rear wheels doesn't sound like much, but for rear-seat riders, who can now recline the split-folding back cushion for added comfort, every little bit helps. There's also slightly more stowage space with the rear seat in the upright position. The rest of the cabin has undergone a major retooling. Most obvious, the centre-stack-mounted speedometer has been relocated to the steering



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column. It's flanked by a half-moon tachometer to the left and the fuel gauge lights on the right.

The clock-like centre-stack pod carries over and houses the infotainment, communications and navigation systems that are controlled by a rotary dial on the floor console. Near it are pushbuttons for the air conditioning, ventilation and seat warmers plus toggle switches for other functions such as traction and stability control that reduce the likelihood of skids and spins in adverse conditions.

Easily the most radical change is found under the hood as there are two new powerplants. Base models run with a turbocharged 1.5-litre three-cylinder that puts out 134 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque. That's up considerably from the previous non-turbo 1.6-litre four-cylinder's 121 horsepower and

relatively puny 114 pound-feet of torque.

Moving up to the Cooper S puts you in control of a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder with 189 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque (the 2013 Cooper S generated 181 horses and 208 pound-feet of torque).

The new standard six-speed manual transmission has a more precise shift linkage, while a six-speed automatic is optional.

Both engines feature an overboost function to provide a bit more torque for a few seconds (good for added passing power) when the gas pedal is floored. Overboost also helps the base cars achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time of 7.9 seconds, versus 8.6 seconds for the previous base four-cylinder. The Cooper S can do it in 6.8 seconds (previously 7.0), as measured by Mini.

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2014 Mini Cooper

• **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback

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• **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.)

• **Base price (incl. destination).** \$22,750

Fuel economy

The base Cooper's already-decent fuel economy should improve to about 6.9 l/100 km in the city and 5.4 on the highway with the six-speed stick (up from 7.4/5.7).

charges, but there are several new options that could tempt you to spend more. They include an adjustable suspension with Comfort and Sport settings as well as a Head-Up-Display that projects speed and basic navigation info onto a dash-mounted pop-up monitor. The oddest accessory is the self-park feature to guide a skills-deficient Mini driver into

an appropriate spot. Honestly, anyone unable to parallel-park a car this small should consider purchasing a bus pass.

However, the additions and improvements to the Mini Cooper give it more of a real-car persona, which makes it feel less like a novelty. That should also make it much easier to justify as a purchase and much easier to live with.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you make a wish over the next two or three days, it may come true. With the Sun moving into your birth sign tomorrow, marking the start of a new solar year, you are likely to get whatever you ask for.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Whatever information you may have that others do not you should treat it like gold dust today. The less others know about what you are up to, the more you will benefit.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you play your cards right over the next few days, there is every chance that some of your big dreams will start to come true. The dividing line between fantasy and reality is quite narrow.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Important people are watching you closely, so make sure they like what they see. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart tomorrow will energize you and make you more ambitious.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Make sure facts are on your side if you want to make an issue out of something. Remember, it's not enough to tell others that they are doing it wrong. They also need to be shown how to do it right.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If your sixth sense tells you that something isn't quite right, listen to it and refrain from doing anything that might lead you down the wrong path — especially financially.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

As the Sun is about to move into the relationship area of your chart you should make more of an effort to get along with the people around you, even those you don't like.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to start thinking about cutting back on work. The past few weeks have been a time of great activity and your momentum will keep you going for a while yet, but your body needs a break.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

No matter how difficult the past few weeks have been, your affairs will improve dramatically as of tomorrow. Cheer up and stop acting as if the world is about to end.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The Sun's change of signs tomorrow means you can come to grips with a family issue that has been causing you plenty of grief. Let loved ones know what you think and how you feel and invite them to be honest with you as well.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The more you are on the move over the next few days, the more likely it is you will find answers to the questions you have been asking. You may not be thrilled by some of the things you learn but the truth is about facts, not feelings.

Pisces

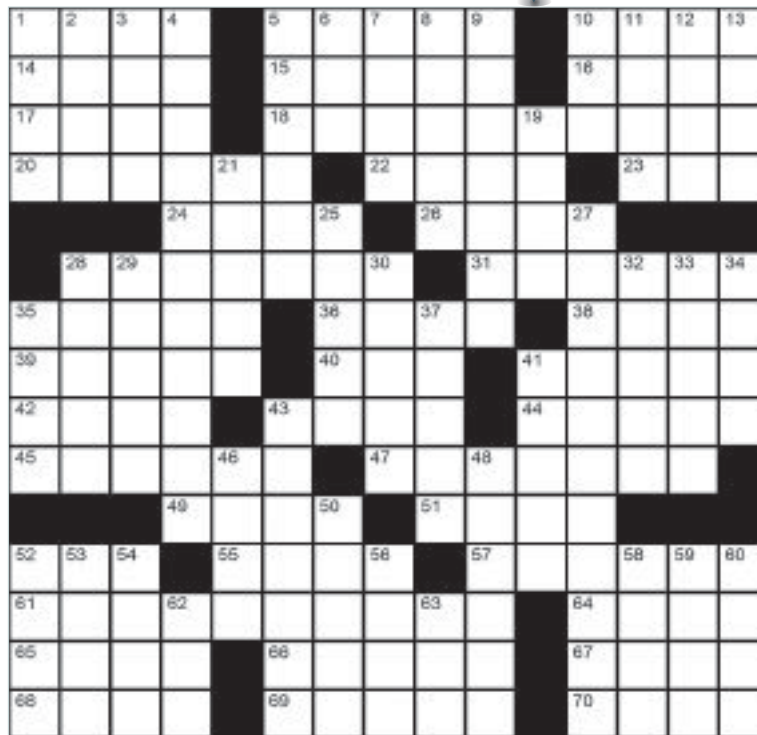
Feb. 20 - March 20

Good news concerning your finances is coming your way in the next few days. You won't get something for nothing but you'll at least have more cash in your pocket. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Ointment
- House's behind-the-walls sights
- ___ Lake, Alberta
- Parkay, for one
- Totally ticked
- Cleaving tool
- Sham
- "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" cast member: 2 wds.
- Turn to for trusty support: 2 wds.
- Website's main page
- Stylish sash
- Glass-making stuff
- Fly elegantly
- Venezuela's capital
- Takes the pen's 'lid' off
- Full range
- "___ Lap" (1983)
- Vegan's no-no
- ___ and beyond
- Geological period
- Book part
- Wine, in Italy
- What 'i' has on top, ___
- Sound-making cow
- Immerse
- Terri Clark hit: "Poor, Poor ___ Me"
- Chesterfield
- Jan & Dean's "___ City"
- Perform
- Ms. Del Rey
- Peanut butter brand



- 1990 Kiefer Sutherland movie in which Julia Roberts also starred
- Concern
- Glowing light
- Countrified
- All square
- Stack of paper
- Gradient

- George W. Bush, et al.

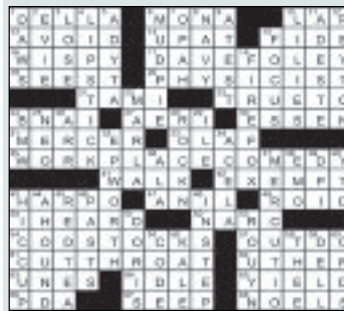
Down

- 1922 Nobel Prize in Physics winner, Niels ___
- Cosmetic cream's content
- Actress, Sharon ___

- "King of Spain": Hit tune for what Canadian band?: 2 wds.
- Checked blanket dining experience
- Mr. Levin
- Way
- Set of values
- British actress Jane
- Corp. bigwig con-

- cerned with money
- "Deal ___ Deal"
- Singer/songwriter Lisa
- Mr. Arnaz
- Former PM Mr. Chretien
- Pontificate
- Recorded
- Red coat wearing

Yesterday's Crossword

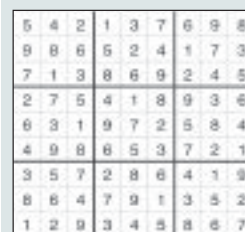


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- police person: acr. + word
- Log abode
- Surrounded by
- Salt-n-Pepa song
- Friends to 'and sometimes Y'
- ___ truck
- 'Trick' suffix
- Handed
- 'Nay' sides in debates
- Insincere smile
- Matters
- ___ around (Lounge)
- Bitty brawl
- Overturn
- From way out there
- Crossword ___
- Charlottetown-born singer Ms. MacLean
- Prefix with 'dynamic'
- Finish a road
- Get set
- Cravings
- Glasgow topper
- Knock

Weather

TODAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



MAX: -2°
MIN: -8°



MAX: 0°
MIN: -9°



MAX: -5°
MIN: -24°



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